



## IN OLD MEXICO.

THE FAMOUS SUGAR Hacienda  
OF DUKES DE MONTELEONE.

Temples Built by Unknown Hands  
in the Morning of Mexico's History—Ruins of Xochicalco.

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About six miles from Cuernavaca, near the Indian village Acapancingo, is a famous hacienda which still belongs to lineal descendants of the Cortez family, known in the last century as the Dukes de Monteleone. It is one of the finest sugar plantations in all Mexico; its average yield being 780,000 pounds per annum—besides coffee, tobacco, bananas, pine-apples, and other products.

The name of the hacienda is Atacameco, and like many others in this country, is a little kingdom within itself, quite independent of the rest of the world. Its fort-like walls have withstood unnumbered raids by robbers and revolutionists, and within them are buildings and people enough to form a respectable village. Here men, peons and horses are reckoned by the hundred, and the owner thereof is also a man of wealth.

Besides fields of sugar-cane, stretching far as the eye can reach, are coffee groves with

FIFTY THOUSAND VIGOROUS TREES, (So the owners tell us) putting forth white blossoms, green fruit and ripened berries at once; while beyond, stretching away to the distant hills, are plains where uncounted heads of cattle and horses roam at will. In the distance, with their loads of precious metal, and mule teams huddled clustered among them, belong to the same estate; besides miles of uninhabited valleys and unbroken canyons where deer, quail, pumas and other game make happy hunting-grounds.

There is a great *casa* for boiling the sugar, whose furnaces blaze night and day from the roof to the ground, and a house containing machinery for extracting the juices of the cane; refining rooms, drying sheds, etc., all on the most generous scale. Then there is another big mill for separating coffee beans from the chaff; sheds in every shape and assorted; a stable, a large shop, in short, every requisite for sustaining several hundred people with no assistance from the outside world. Truly, to be a Mexican *hacienda* on this magnificent plan is better than to be an old world prince.

Sugar was unknown to the ancient Aztecs, who made syrup from wild honey and the juice of the canepine fruit, or maguey. Sugar-cane was first brought by the Spaniards to the Canary islands, then to Santo Domingo, thence to Cuba, and naturally soon afterwards to Mexico. Though Cortez's descendants came to own and control it, in fact, the first sugar-canes were planted in this country in 1520 by one Senor Don Pedro de Atienza. The first sugar-mills built by the Spaniards were worked by hydraulic wheels, not as now, by horses or mules; and the first cylinders were constructed by Gonzalo de Velasco. Baron Humboldt, who examined

CORTÉZ' MILL.

Tells us that the emperor left several flourishing sugar plantations near Cuernavaca, in the Valley of Mexico, where now (owing, it is supposed), to the cutting down of the forests, it is too cold for any cane to grow.

Most of our three day's stay at Atacameco was spent out of doors and every meal—except the early breakfast served in bed—was eaten under the limes and pomegranates of the courtyard, or in the adjacent garden. The latter was one of the most beautiful I have seen in this land of beautiful gardens. Its lemons, oranges, olives, agaveas, and other tropical fruits hang in clusters, broken by the blossoms into natural arches, so thick that even the southern sun cannot penetrate them by a single golden arrow. Springs of clear water are directed all over the plantation for irrigation purposes, and in the garden the paths are bordered by artificial cascades and waterfalls, framed in ferns and lilies, the paths upon either side bordered by banks and hedges of rose-trees, Ruby red cardinals, golden *candeleras*, parquets, and other bright-winged birds are forever pluming themselves in the cool shade, and the perfume of these gorgeously-feathered birds of the tropics that none of them can sing as well as the plainest brown bird of the North.

Atacamico has another attraction, very rare in the cactus country—that of rich soft grass. Rejecting the customary handcart, we packed ourselves, and started on our horses, with perfumes, and wished that life might last forever in such an Eden. About twelve miles from this hacienda lie the

wonderful *Xochicalco*.

Which one who comes this way should fail to see. The best route by which to reach them follows the celebrated "Acapulco Trail," to the Indian hamlet called Xochicalco, the name of which is the same of the hacienda, where a guide and horses may be obtained. For more than three hundred years the highway between that southern port and Mexico city was constantly trodden by countless *burros* laden with gold and silver. But since new routes have been opened across the continent, picturesque Acapulco, which in olden times was a busy mart, has fallen into comparative disuse. To it came, and from it sailed, all those historic galleons which performed their portion of the voyage between the Indies and Spain. The voyages between Manila and the Mexican port took six months, so that in transporting there the rich freight was transported overland by a thousand donkeys, and such portion as was not sold in the City of Mexico was sent to Vera Cruz, and there loaded on ships. History tells us that the cargo of a single galley frequently reached the value of \$100 million dollars; and as but one ship arrived in a year, its advent was anxiously looked for by every class of people as well as merchants and marines. It brought calico and muslin, cotton and silk, and spices, and carried back gold, silver, cochineal, roses, and sometimes, a few monkeys, hidalgos as passengers. Every body remembers the charming picture of those golden days given by Bret Hart in his "Lost Gleeson."

In sixteen hundred and forty-one, the Spanish, Laden with odorous gum and spice, India cotton and India rice, And the *campeche* for Cuthay, Was due at Acapulco. The *campeche* were waiting inside the walls, The traders sat by their empty stalls. And the *campeche* lay down.

But far more ancient and interesting than institutions of trade had the Spaniards and the Indians of Xochicalco, the name of which covers it. The hill is about 300 feet high, and its base is surrounded by very distinct traces of a fort, which, it is said, were built to support them, built of stone, and still quite perfect. At regular distances, as if to buttress these terraces, are well-preserved remains of bulwarks shaped like bastions of a fortification. The summit of the hill is a wide esplanade, the north side of which is still perceptible three truncated cones closely resembling the *tombs* found among many similar ruins in Mexico.

EL CASTILLO.

As the structure on top of the last terrace is called, it is a rectangular building 64 by 58 feet, facing in exact correspondence with the cardinal points. The hill itself rises directly north from the valley of Mexico, and the sacred fires of the people who once worshipped there must have served as a beacon to guide the early Aztecs who

journeyed from their capital in this direction.

Everyone must be his own Columbus and explore for himself a path among the rugged hills of Xochicalco, through fields thickly strewn with volcanic debris and pastures of sheep, of which in dim and dark mines which show that silver has once been found here—and may be again when Yankee enterprise and capital come to dig deeper than the lazy Spaniards.

A one slowly climbs up the terraced slopes of the great hill, the intense heat which a tortoise hill, however, is not, and passes through a glen, and a gully, and a pass is unfolded—chiefly of barren hills and plains, divided everywhere with deep barrows, and two lovely lakes to the southward. Great stones are scattered all around, most of them exactly seven feet long by three feet broad; and all these, too, are scattered, and in some places, like the marshy ground, and a gully, are exposed, which show that the base of the pyramid was cut out after the pyramid was erected.

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Wish I could give you a picture of some of the strange carvings—grotesque warriors in battle array, beasts whose likenesses never existed on earth, twisted serpents and unglossable symbols, all wrought with utmost care.

UNKNOWN WORKERS

Many centuries ago, a colony apart, far from every civilized town, in Mexico, this tiny town is little visited—but really deserves the closer attention because of its isolated position and unique decorations. About thirty years ago a celebrated antiquarian wrote of it as follows:

"Who built the pyramid? There is no tradition, nor any record of the temple for which it was built. It is a mystery, and one who examines the figures with which it is coated can fail to connect the designs with the seed, giving it thus additional vigor, to the tree. The seed is more lasting, resists better cold weather, and is less delicate on the choice of soil than those grown from cuttings. For all such reasons this is the mode of propagation in the olive trees of the regions of Crete."

But when the olive tree is so robust by nature, so little scrupulous with regard to the choice of soil, enjoys such remarkable longevity, and has no excessive cold weather to fear in California, should it be raised in the soil instead of the vine? When the vine is raised in the soil, it is known scarcely any cessation. If the cuttings are not taken from the tree during one of those short periods of repose—which vary according to seasons—are not placed in the nursery within a reasonable time, so that they will root, there is danger of loss of vitality in many cases, and the loss will easily reach 30 or 40 even 50 per cent, and possibly still more. In this respect, the cuttings of the olive tree differ from those of the vine, which can be immediately after the fall of the leaves, when vegetation comes to a standstill, which can be kept buried in the ground until March or April, without interfering with their starting when spring comes.

For the best description I have seen was that by Fred Ober, the graphic writer and indefatigable antiquarian, who, in his excellent book called "Travels in Mexico," says: "After we had visited and examined the massive structure of the summit, my guide told me that it was built for the king, who, he said, was one of the gods. This is no tradition, nor any record of the temple for which it was built. It is a mystery, and one who examines the figures with which it is coated can fail to connect the designs with the seed, giving it thus additional vigor, to the tree. The seed is more lasting, resists better cold weather, and is less delicate on the choice of soil than those grown from cuttings. For all such reasons this is the mode of propagation in the olive trees of the regions of Crete."

Coutance, who pronounces himself in favor of the seed, tells us that the plant has to remain at least seven years in nursery, and that after being grafted it requires three more years before it begins to bear.

Reverend tells us also that he has seen in France, in the county of Ardeche, as also at Cannes and in the Hyères islands, olive trees raised from seed; that they were ready to be grafted, but that this result had required seven years. He, however, adds that the seed of the tree by seed has been found so slow that it seems peculiar to certain species.

Anoncure affirms that this method is of an excessive slowness and of very little practical use.

Charles Etienne and Liebault concur in saying that it is time and money lost to employ this method.

Elwood Green's treatise on olive culture we also find that when the tree is raised from seed it has to remain seven years in the nursery, but that when grown from the cutting it bears as early as Europe.

Ricoult explains to us how the young olive tree, raised from seed, develops always a long tap-root, which constitutes the principle and often its only support; and that when transplanting it to a permanent site, after a long stay in the nursery, the cutting of said tap-root, then becomes indispensable, inflicts upon its system a series of shocks from which it is likely to die.

It seems thus established that the olive tree grown from the seed—which is the method most generally followed in the regions of Europe where the severer winters experienced occasionally make it desirable to raise the tree as high as possible—has to be kept in a nursery for seven years, and that at its transplantation it will experience a severe check which will be the natural result of meddling with its tap-root.

It is then all surprising that a half-grown tree, raised before the olive tree sprouts by a single stem, and which has not yet reached a height of ten inches, without a branch, little hill at a short distance from that supporting El Castillo, Chill and damp were these corridors, though outside was the terrible heat of a Mexican midsummer noon.

SCORPIONS AND SERPENTS

Are said to lurk here—at least, that is the reason the Indians gave for not wishing to explore the dangerous passage—but we saw none."

In the journey back to Cuernavaca, we went by a slightly different route, but found little of interest except a solitary Indian village whose customs seemed to be the same of the court yard, or in the adjacent garden. The latter was one of the most beautiful I have seen in this land of beautiful gardens. Its lemons, oranges, olives, agaveas, and other tropical fruits hang in clusters, broken by the blossoms into natural arches, so thick that even the southern sun cannot penetrate them by a single golden arrow.

Although these exotics may have some connection with the temples on the summit of the hill, yet the two caves which we entered were in a *corroto* (little hill) at a short distance from that supporting El Castillo, Chill and damp were these corridors, though outside was the terrible heat of a Mexican midsummer noon.

HOW TO PRESERVE OLIVES

Writing upon this subject F. Polomir in a recent article says:

"There are several systems of pickling olives. For this purpose the fruit is gathered green; this is particularly the case with the big-sized, oily olives imported from Seville, Malaga and from French and Italian ports. Other varieties of small size and nice taste are gathered nearly ripe for picking. To pickle or sweeten the fruit, however, in a short time, five or six days, changing the water each four or five times. When thus they have lost the bitter taste, they are put in a basin full of brine, keeping them immersed fully in the same. Finally some fennel is put on top. After sixty days the olive is ready for use."

If the olives are to be used next year, they may be opened, and the stone taken out previous to being put in water; and after having been kept in frequently changed water for four or five days, to be used again.

These cuttings can be made like those of a vine or any other cutting, only with this difference, that the olive tree should be grafted, and when the graft is well set, the trunk of the tree, which has the effect of impeding their starting, and which, should they grow, may produce rot. To plant them directly in permanent sites is to run great risk, for the graft will not take, and if on the other hand, they are placed in nursery in preference to much smaller cuttings, their tap-root will be so developed, even after a year of stay thereon, that it will be necessary to cut it back when transplanting it to a permanent site, and to do this without spilling a drop of water.

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## BOOK TABLE.

BANCROFT'S STORY OF VIGILANTE DAYS ON THIS COAST.

DEVLIN'S LAW OF DEEDS, AN ELABORATE VOLUME—NOTES OF RECENT MAGAZINES—ETC.

HISTORY OF THE PACIFIC STATES OF NORTH AMERICA. By Hubert Howe Bancroft. Vol. I. San Francisco: The History Company.

While this volume is one of the series of Bancroft's works, and forms a part of "The History of the Pacific States," it is really an independent work and can stand upon its merits as a book full of dramatic, not so romantic, interest. For it is devoted wholly to the recital of the activities of those stirring times in the pioneer history of the Pacific coast, in which the instinct of justice in man found expression and illustration in the rudest forms, and the most violent methods of administering it, as well as in a history of aberrations of justice, the more of the rigor and relentlessness of the vigilance committees and the hasty justice and injustice of Lynch law. The popular tri-journals of the country were the pivot around which all the most dramatic events in all the history of civilization revolved; these, in ample detail, Mr. Bancroft has laid before his readers in a manner that at once arouses interest and holds it, and makes the story as exciting as that conceived by any of the great novelists. Here is material for drama, romance and song, that surpasses in intricacy of plot, vigor of action, tragic results and finality of result, the farcical procedure and out-of-doorings that have even been cloaked in fiction. Upon the subject of the reason for the volume and the source of his information, the author says:

"During my researches in Pacific States history, and particularly while tracing the development of Anglo-American communities in the western side of the United States, I fancied I was unfolding into healthier proportions, and under the influence of a purer atmosphere, that sometime dissolved principle of political ethics, the right of the governed at all times to insist and submit control of their government. The right thus claimed was not to be exercised except in cases of emergency, in cases where such interferences should be deemed necessary, but it was always existent; and as that right was to be determined, what should constitute emergencies, and what necessity, these qualifications were imperious. Though liable at times to the gross and ignorant, this sentiment latent among the people, created and intelligent people, but in a form so anomalous that few would admit to them-selves its presence among their convictions."

"Finishing on these Pacific shores, in a deep sense, my labors elsewhere appearing in the annals of the race, this picture of arbitrary power as displayed by the many popular tribunals here engendered, I pressed into my mind the direction of these volumes are the result. It is all history, and though herein I sometimes indulge in details which might well unduly exact notice, nevertheless I have felt constrained to make no more than a general statement of what have given. These omissions, however, are not made at random, or to the injury of the work. And the material was abundant. Besides, the books, manuscripts, and the several journals, the records, and the opposite sides of the question, I was fortunate enough to secure all the archives of the San Francisco Committee of Vigilance, 1856, and to have access to the voluminous records and documents of the great Committee of 1856. Well knowing that the hidden work of the several demonstrations could only be ob-tained from the records of the commanding officers, I took copious dictations from those who had played the most prominent parts in the tragedies. From one member I learned what occurred on a given occasion at another; from another, what was taking place at the same time at another; what was taking place at the same time at another; and so on, gathering from each something the others did not know or remember. By putting all these together, I was enabled to complete the picture of what were otherwise a conglomeration of figures and events. At first I found the gentlemen of 1856 exceedingly hard to dislodge from their firmly held sacred; and it was only after I had gained them the most convincing assurances of the strength and purity of my purpose that I obtained their consent to place me in the ranks of their known enemies."

"Often had they been applied to for such information, and as often had they declined giving it. And for good reason. They had no hand in what they had done violence to man, and still cherished hatred; they had suffered from annoying and expensive suits at law brought against them by the exasperated public; and they did not know at what moment they might again be summoned to rise in defense of society or of their own personal protection. From the beginning it was held as a paramount obligation, to divulge nothing. On the other hand, the questions arose: Are there no men to do with you? May not the people of your experience be of value to succeeding societies? Have you the right to bury in oblivion that experience, to withhold from your fellow citizens and from posterity, a knowledge of the ways in which you had so great a success? And so after many meetings and warm deliberations, it was agreed that the information should be placed at my disposal for the publication of the volume."

"The sole idea of the dramatic portion of this unique volume, a few of the subjects treated, and stories recited may be profitably given. Thus the volume opens with a glimmer of history, justice and modesty followed by a consideration of popular tribunals and popular government, a chapter on the conditions that prevail, a chapter on the iniquities in the Dowlas tragedy, the popular tribunals of Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Arizona, New Mexico, and of Washington Territory, Alaska, British Columbia and Oregon. In short, and other chapters of like character are taken, anecdotes, melodramatic recitals and romantic narrations, that make the work one of strange interest and comparable to no other."

"Mr. Bancroft, in his preface, speaks of his sympathy with Vigilance Committees, but defends it vigorously. The style of the writing in this volume is in strong contrast with its predecessor. There is about that volume, from its dignity as a historical record, very little that is dramatic, and the author attempts at humor that are grim, to say the least. The subject, we admit, is one that afford but limited scope for a dramatic touch; the passage as this is hardly in keeping with the high character of Mr. Bancroft given in the text of his earlier volume."

"In taking up this against him, as his purpose, Bancroft won. Presently the Sheriff appeared. Solomon was his name, and a very good name, and a good Sheriff. Judging from outward expression and carriage, he too, would be in seeing the Austin Hall. Solomon was a man of few words, but when he opened his mouth; wide he opened it; it was large, and by no means a good sign."

We submit that such a style as this belongs to the literary realm conceded exclusively to the *Waverley Magazine*, the *New York Ledger* and *Bentley's Home Library*.

In the present case, the author has shot that strange sulphur light peculiar to him."

"These rough rooms, wherein renovation should proceed to cleanse the city of its filthiness."

"As a matter of course, it was to be expected that our Celestial brother, John, should find occasion to utilize this, as well as other American cities. Al Sing and Lin Liou, for some reason desired that Ah Lo and Ah Home, with two wives of the neither wife nor maid species, should be sent back to China. They were bad Chinamen, and, indeed, they had, and belonged to the law and order party—which was not difficult of belief, but annoyed millions of century-smoked souls how to distinguish one from the other."

"There was a place called Mad Muie

Canyon, in the Shasta District, which name was a libel on another page in connection with a sketch of his life. In this name was the doings of men in that locality. Neither would she have been welcomed into the sisterhood of those immaculate dames whose virtue shone brightly only when placed beside black vice. Martha kept a saloon. What that meant is a living to me, but I do not know. Some call them dens, but I do not. Everybody went there, and she was as respectable as the men who were glad to sit on her sofa, because she was a woman. Furthermore, Martha was married—married to a man."

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### THE GEORGE FALLACY ABOUT WEALTH AND POVERTY.

Mr Henry George in his Cincinnati speech, the other day, declared new his old doctrine, that there is to be erected somewhere and somehow, a cross on which people who venture to hold land should be nailed by taxation sufficiently heavy to pay all governmental charges. This is very pretty in theory for the owners of personal property. But it will occur to most people that before such a scheme can begin to look forward to success, a sufficient number of men must believe and intend with Mr. George, to transform the intention and belief into law, and that, too, into constitutional law.

The fact is, that Mr. George has lost ground, and has less footing in popular confidence to-day than he had some half-dozen years ago. When his "Progress and Poverty" appeared it brought him very prominently to the front, and attracted to his public attention in an abnormal degree. His ideas were seemingly novel and his nervously forcible method of reasoning appeals to the misfortunes of some, and the results of the vices of others, served to pose him as the forerunner of a new era, in which the present social conditions were to be upset, and a reorganization made according to the plan of the George gospel, which was to right all wrongs and abolish all ills. But that period of enthusiastic belief passed, and the public thought settled down to the conclusion that Mr. George was neither original in his ideas nor novel as to his plan, and that both are visionary and impracticable. Something of a revival of popularity took place when he became a candidate for Mayor of New York, but his following does not appear to have deeply studied his system of social and political economics. It was moved rather by the enthusiasm of the hope to elect a man in opposition to parties, and as a representative of minor classes. In fact, Mr. George does not represent them, except so far as they adapt themselves to his ideas.

At the Ohio meeting referred to, Mr. George and his followers adopted a platform, the preamble of which reads: "We hold that all inequality of conditions arising under and made possible by the present economic system spring from the monopolization by the few of the natural opportunities which are the common rights of all." This sweeping declaration attributing all inequality to the monopolization of opportunity, is nothing less than absurd. There is taken no account whatever of personal vices, and of human weaknesses, but in one swinging, sounding sentence there is cleared away all the factors of civilization and of degeneracy, and all failure is laid at the door of real property possession. For in the first resolution that follows is the demand for abolition of all taxation upon improvements and the products of industry, and its imposition upon land values. Then comes the demand for Government control of railways, telegraphs and other means of distribution and communication. The "wind up" is a demand for a medium of exchange to be issued "direct from the general Government." What this is to be is not revealed, and the adherent of the George faction is left to construe the declaration to fit his own financial ideas.

The idea of abolishing personal ownership in land is not, as we have said, new. But old or new, it resolves itself into this, that the rental by the individual officers that he will assist in prosecuting the State is the severest form of taxation, since he will occupy who bids highest. Now, asks the New York Star, "Suppose the plan to be tried and the rich outbid the poor, must not there be a supplement to the occupancy rental meets all governmental expense how is this to free the poor from poverty? Does it follow that because with a state of ownership in land some remain poor and others grow rich, that to abolish it relieves the poor from want? Yet upon this assumption the whole argument of Mr. George proceeds."

Not long ago it was shown in these columns that the George idea, that as the production of wealth grows greater, the share that goes to the laboring class grows less, is absolutely untrue when tried in the fire of social statistics. These statistics show that the condition of the laboring class has been steadily bettered, its wage uniformly increased, and that its opportunity has been constantly enlarging.

The theory of Mr. George is underlaid with the fallacy that as population increases wealth increases disproportionately and all the increase is absorbed by the landlord, while the laborer remains where he was as to wages and interest. As a matter of fact this is not true, because it is susceptible of proof that the labor of production absorbs most of the increase.

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It is a fact that the extremely wealthy have not increased in proportion with the general increase of wealth distribution, but, on the contrary, the number of such has actually lessened, and thus the rich in proportion to the poor have really grown fewer. Mr. George's theory fails to the ground. He has chosen England as best illustrative of his doctrine, but in that country the statistics show that for nearly £100,000,000 rental there considerably less than one-third is taken by the aristocratic landlords; one-third is taken by small owners, and over one-third by the exceedingly small ones. Mr. Mallock has shown, indeed, that the total incomes in England in 1851 was £614,000,000, while in 1881 the gross amount of incomes under £100 was over £620,000,000. It is further demonstrated that in the thirty years the class with incomes between £150 and £300 increased 148 per cent; between £300 and £600, 130 per cent, and between £600 and £1,000, 77 per cent, while the class with incomes above £1,000 increased by 76 per cent, and the class with incomes above £10,000 was but 97 in number, all told.

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### THE "WHITE CAP" TERRORISM.

It seems incredible that in so old a settled community as Indiana such terrorism and subordination of the law can be exercised as prevails in the south end of the State. The "White Cap" organization is a sort of Ku-Klux gang that takes the law into its own hands and executes its own will upon people regardless of the Courts and peace officers. The Vigilantes of 1851 and 1856, in California, had at least the excuse that the law was prostrate, that its administrators courted, and that thieves, murderers and roughs ruled in the community. No such plea can be advanced for the Indiana White Caps. They are not called to aid in enforcing the law, nor are they the indignant protest of the people against official corruption or incompetency and the profiteering of law. Their secret work of hanging, whipping, beating and exiling, is visited upon offenders against social codes mainly, and against men and women the regulators do not like. These bands of midnight assassins and conspirators undertake to punish the immoral, exile those whose private lives do not square with their own ideas of propriety, and to whip and brand those they dislike and who do not live according to conventional methods, or who stand in the way of any of the regulator membership. This lawless combination has terrorized the country and has the officials under such cow, that they do not dare to take any steps for the breaking up of the gang. A citizen from the terrorized district stated that the public mind outside the district cannot appreciate the condition of the terrorized inhabitants in some portions of the countries dominated by the organization. It has come to such a pass that many of the best citizens dare not express themselves, and the gentleman in question added that, since he must return to Orange county, he could not afford under his own name, even at that distance, to make complaint of the gang. On his way out he met a farmer, who had been prominent in the county, who was hurrying away from the infested district with his family and all his possessions, impelled by the White Caps, who had made one assault on him and had given fair warning that he must be out of range before a certain time. He had been obliged to leave his farm, and this he was trying to sell through another. The premises had been plundered by the outlaws. This informant was asked by the reporter why the people did not appeal to the local authorities, and he replied: "It is not safe to complain at all. The Governor has advised the county officers that he will assist in prosecuting the marauders, and the local authorities fear any attempt to ascertain who compose it. The county officials are so terrified that they do not dare to institute prosecutions. They are many instances the creatures of the regulators. A Justice of the Peace in one section was recently found to be a member of the gang that had been systematically robbing the stores and his neighbors."

This same informant said that "if the witnesses could be protected an abundance of testimony could be furnished. He knew of one case where the White Caps assaulted a respectable farmer at midnight. They were beating him unmercifully, when his daughter ran up to the house, and, having seized a knife, began to fight the guard who had been left with the horses. She succeeded in cutting loose several of the horses, and in doing so cut a gash in the breast of one of the regulators took after their horses, and the next day the wounded horse could be tracked to the barn of one of the most prominent citizens in the township." In conclusion, he said: "The southern section of the State cannot prosper or attract new settlers until these gangs are quelled. Some of us are ready to take up arms or leave the country if the situation is not true, because it is susceptible of proof that the labor of production absorbs most of the increase. It is because there is a more general distribution of the results of industry and production, that the universally wealthy, in proportion to all others, are so few. Or, as has been shown a dozen times by writers on statistical proofs, and most forcibly by Mallock and de Laveleye, the history of progress in production and accumulation is not the history of the rise of rent, but of its decline. The gap between extreme

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It seems incredible that in so old a settled community as Indiana such terrorism and subordination of the law can be exercised as prevails in the south end of the State. The "White Cap" organization is a sort of Ku-Klux gang that takes the law into its own hands and executes its own will upon people regardless of the Courts and peace officers. The Vigilantes of 1851 and 1856, in California, had at least the excuse that the law was prostrate, that its administrators courted, and that thieves, murderers and roughs ruled in the community. No such plea can be advanced for the Indiana White Caps. They are not called to aid in enforcing the law, nor are they the indignant protest of the people against official corruption or incompetency and the profiteering of law. Their secret work of hanging, whipping, beating and exiling, is visited upon offenders against social codes mainly, and against men and women the regulators do not like. These bands of midnight assassins and conspirators undertake to punish the immoral, exile those whose private lives do not square with their own ideas of propriety, and to whip and brand those they dislike and who do not live according to conventional methods, or who stand in the way of any of the regulator membership. This lawless combination has terrorized the country and has the officials under such cow, that they do not dare to take any steps for the breaking up of the gang. A citizen from the terrorized district stated that the public mind outside the district cannot appreciate the condition of the terrorized inhabitants in some portions of the countries dominated by the organization. It has come to such a pass that many of the best citizens dare not express themselves, and the gentleman in question added that, since he must return to Orange county, he could not afford under his own name, even at that distance, to make complaint of the gang. On his way out he met a farmer, who had been prominent in the county, who was hurrying away from the infested district with his family and all his possessions, impelled by the White Caps, who had made one assault on him and had given fair warning that he must be out of range before a certain time. He had been obliged to leave his farm, and this he was trying to sell through another. The premises had been plundered by the outlaws. This informant was asked by the reporter why the people did not appeal to the local authorities, and he replied: "It is not safe to complain at all. The Governor has advised the county officers that he will assist in prosecuting the marauders, and the local authorities fear any attempt to ascertain who compose it. The county officials are so terrified that they do not dare to institute prosecutions. They are many instances the creatures of the regulators. A Justice of the Peace in one section was recently found to be a member of the gang that had been systematically robbing the stores and his neighbors."

This same informant said that "if the witnesses could be protected an abundance of testimony could be furnished. He knew of one case where the White Caps assaulted a respectable farmer at midnight. They were beating him unmercifully, when his daughter ran up to the house, and, having seized a knife, began to fight the guard who had been left with the horses. She succeeded in cutting loose several of the horses, and in doing so cut a gash in the breast of one of the regulators took after their horses, and the next day the wounded horse could be tracked to the barn of one of the most prominent citizens in the township." In conclusion, he said: "The southern section of the State cannot prosper or attract new settlers until these gangs are quelled. Some of us are ready to take up arms or leave the country if the situation is not true, because it is susceptible of proof that the labor of production absorbs most of the increase. It is because there is a more general distribution of the results of industry and production, that the universally wealthy, in proportion to all others, are so few. Or, as has been shown a dozen times by writers on statistical proofs, and most forcibly by Mallock and de Laveleye, the history of progress in production and accumulation is not the history of the rise of rent, but of its decline. The gap between extreme

poverty and great wealth has not widened and is not widening; on the contrary, the proportion of increase in number of those of moderate means, comfortable income, and small wealth is vastly greater than the increase in number of the immensely wealthy. The changes that have taken place in this respect, and which are irreducibly established by statistical proofs and by common observation, do not tend in the slightest degree to fortify the position of George, or to lay the cause of poverty at the door of individual ownership of land.

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A number of German immigrants from Nebraska yesterday settled in Yuba county.

George's bartleet's condition was less hopeful yesterday than on the preceding day.

A light shower of rain fell at Chico yesterday.

The demand for real estate in many parts of the interior is becoming greater.

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**Interview with J. T. Griffits, President of the Board of Commissioners—Next Week's Outlook.**

**ADVERTISEMENT MENTION.**  
Bell & Co., the morning.  
W. H. Sherburn—Redeem sale to day.

**Business Advertisements.**  
Red House—A big house.  
Eclipse champagne.  
Want'd Two and four-horse teams  
The Curtis tract for sale.  
Philip A. Cook auctioneer.  
W. H. Sherman—Real estate.  
Administrator's sale of real estate.  
G. W. Barnes—Sixty acres of land for sale.  
Arrived—Mrs. Westcott's chaise-royale.  
Furnished rooms wanted.  
Splendid chance to make money.  
Rooms and board wanted.  
A. Lothammer—Piano warerooms.  
Eureka Saloon—22 K street.  
Sherman & Parker—Tract all sold.  
L. L. Lewis & Co.—Stores and ranges.  
Weinstock & Lubin—Gloves and hoseery.

## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Subscribers to the RECORD-UNION who are sojourning in Santa Cruz can receive their papers at noon of the day of publication by calling at the Express Office in that city.

**Police Court.**  
In the Police Court yesterday the case of Albert Kagee, for petit larceny, was continued until next Monday.... Louis Warner, for grand larceny for grand larceny on the complaint of G. W. Martin, a resident of Yolo county, who had the defendant took \$90 from his pocket, was examined and discharged, having proved an alibi.... James Spencer, accused of discharging a pistol and carrying a concealed weapon, was found guilty of a lesser charge, and the former was held under advisement until this morning, to which time sentence in the other case was postponed. It is expected that he will be sentenced prior to his arrest, to kill his step-daughter and himself also. He seemed when in Court, to be very much disconcerted, and said he would as soon die as live. He stated that he had been drinking freely lately, but had discontinued it principally caused by family trouble, which he did not care to explain.... Fritz Michaels, charged with having been drunk, made a good showing, and was released from custody.

## Auction Sales.

Bell & Co. will sell to-day at 10 A. M. at their saleroom, No. 927 K street, horses, buggies, wagons, double and single harnesses, furniture, carriages, cook stoves, tea set, oil paintings, chinos, panel pictures, five dozen gilt-frame mirrors, assortments; child's carriage, etc.

W. H. Sherburn will sell to-day in front of the Sheriff's office, at 12 o'clock M., by auction, the property of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sherburn, consisting of the matter of Sophie Weiland et al vs. Albert G. Weiland et al, the west half of lot No. 6, L and M, Ninth and Tenth streets, with brick houses on same. Terms: Cash, in gold or ten per cent, to pay before noon on day of sale, but no information of sale by Superior Court of Sacramento County.

J. B. Bell & Co. will sell Tuesday at 10 A. M. at their residence No. 1113 Folsom street, parlor furniture, easy chairs, patent rocking, one ash and painted bedroom sets, spring and top mattresses, feather pillows, valances, extra fine Brussels carpets, extension top dining room, bed linings, cook stove (fixtures complete), kitchen furniture, etc.

W. C. T. U.—The meeting of the W. C. T. U. held on Thursday and addressed by the Rev. Mr. Kilben and Mr. Hesketh, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. was well attended.

On the wide special discussion pertaining to the high license question they were unanimous, with two or three exceptions, in upholding the sentiments of City Collector Oran of Chicago.... A license, of course, does not and will not "accrue or create the evil of intemperance," it serves as a means to regulate and to control the public and does operate to limit the number. Were the license to increase in amount, the number would be still further diminished. But even high license would not be denied to those who are not members of the church.

Rep.—By the way, in what manner are the meetings of the Board regularly called, and who may call them?

Pres.—The meetings have always been called by the President of the Board.

The Judge Administrator called the application for a dissolution of the Pacific Thomson-Houston Electric Light Company. Most of the stock of this company is now held by members of the Capital Gas Company.

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BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE FIREMEN.—At the regular meeting of California Lodge, No. 200, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, held Thursday the following officers were elected: President, J. M. Kuhn, Master; L. E. Graham, Vice-Master; J. D. Cummings, Recorder; J. A. Baker, Financier; G. E. Shearer, Conductor; S. C. McNease, Guard; H. O. Steele, Outer Guard; J. A. Baker, delegate to the Grand Lodge, New Orleans, and C. W. Cox, Alterate.

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY.—Studies will be resumed at this popular institution, which is a boarding and day school for young ladies, next Monday. Music (vocal and instrumental) painting and private vocal lessons will be given at the expense of the school, and will also conduct auction sales in other portions of the State, as their patrons may elect.

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## THE LOOM OF LIFE.

All day at night, I can hear the jar. Of the loom of life, and hear and fear it. It swirls with its deep and muffled sound, as the tire wheels go always round.

Busy, busy, busy, in the loom of life, in the light of day, and the bright gloom. The wheels are turning early and late, and the woot is wound in warp of fate.

Click, click, click, a thread of love wove in. Click, click, click, a thread of hate wove in; What a checkered mind will this life be?

Time, with a face like mystery, And a heart like a secret, can be. Sits at the loom with its warp unspool'd, To catch in its meshes each glancing thread.

When shall this wonderful web be done? In a few days, or a year, or a month, or to-morrow? Who knows? Not I. But the wheels turn on, and the shuttles fly.

Ah! said eyd weaver, the years are slow, But the weaver's hand is quick, each day it weaves better than, O my! to spin A beautiful thread a thread of sin.

## ELSIE'S HUSBAND.

Their ruin had been swift and sure. He reviewed it as he slowly mounted the stairs. He entered the room in which they lived as one in a dream, as if nothing in all the world was real—even as if his own misery was some dreadful nightmare, from which he must soon awaken or perish.

"Ralph, did I tell you that the coal was out?" his wife's voice greeted him; "I had to borrow this, and I am afraid I can never pay it back." The same refrain, only the needed articles were named with alarming variety. In the morning it was oil, without which she could not write, for her principal work must be done at night while the children slept. At noon, when he came in from his tireless street-walks in search of work, and brought her a lunch of French rolls and cold tongue, saying he had eaten his own meal at a restaurant, which was a brave falsehood, she told him the landlord had visited her for the purpose of ejecting them for the back rent, but had been quieted when he saw her fear, art of furniture, and that they were good. Now, when he had at last battled his way through the stinging snow, on his long walk home, it was coal that was wanted. Coal, when the fields not a hundred miles away were black with the waste of it! When, even now, on almost every street corner, a dozen carts might be commanded for the money. Ah, yes, for the money! That was it, for the money, and he had none.

He stretched his thin hands over the oil-stove at which Elsie's tea was brewing, and shivered. He was careful that she did not notice his shivering, for he was cold. She did not look up. She had just begun her coining for the law firm in the East End, for which she would receive sufficient to pay their rent. The children slept. There were three of them, the eldest scarcely six years old. The man watched her—she was very swiftly now—she was cold and starved at last! He would not interrupt her for the world. She was sheltering him and the children by her work—she's tender little Elsie, whom he had married with a promise of such a happy life!

His tired mouth smiled—a bitter smile. It was his longing eyes watched her with a hungry look as it was well she did not see.

"Yes, the coal is out, and I will go out, too, presently," he said, as if he felt himself to be what he was metaphorically, more a hambone than a man. But though the wife were well known, was not thinking of himself. He was trying to think of something which might be turned into that coal.

After awhile he sighed, a long weary breath that only men driven to the wall in desperation can breathe. A woman is moved to sigh as a flower is moved by the winds; but a man rarely shows his grief outwardly.

"What is the matter, dear?" Elsie asked without looking. She felt the infection of that sorrowful sound as she might have felt a cold wind over the grayward with its sharp edge.

"Nothing," he replied, "only this strike has caught us in rather a bad fix."

"I should say it had," said Elsie. "It's a great pity you never studied something substantial (law or medicine) instead of making investments with your few dollars to an educational thing as a publishing house. With passing time, that would have kept your family above the influence of the petty ideas of a rabble of workers."

"Don't, Elsie, don't speak in that way to me!" he cried as if he had received a sharp blow. For he had seen her eyes again, taking away his food and strength as blood to him, but he had quitted it for the sake of the nickels it cost him; that he might continue to bring home the lunches and teas to her. She did not know this. He consented himself with the thought that she did not know.

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